

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Welcome to the new SFS Newsletter which will provide you with updates on the things you need to know regarding school finance.

We are now in 2018 which means a new funding formula and 3 year plans, as always we are here to help.

Also, don't forget Kent Schools need to submit their **9 month monitoring information by 17th January 2018**.

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FINANCE INFORMATION GROUPS (FIGs)

If you have not already done so, please go to CPD Online (www.kentcpdonline.org.uk) and book your place on the January Finance Information Groups (FIGs).

They are taking place on the following dates:

- Monday 29th January 2018
- Tuesday 30th January 2018
- Wednesday 31st January 2018
- Thursday 1st February 2018

FUNDING

The School Census for January 2018 is on **Thursday 18 January 2018**.

Also, don't forget the Early Years Headcount takes place week commencing **11th January 2018**

You might want to reflect these revised numbers in your KELSI template and show the projected income changes in your monitoring or revised 3 year plan.

If you need any assistance with doing this, contact the Help Desk on 03000 415 415

TRAINING COURSES

There are a number of training courses taking place in Spring 2018, for more information and to book your place visit www.kentcpdonline.org.uk.

January 2018

- School Finance - the role of the Governor in Maintained Schools
- Introduction to School Finance
- FMS6 Accounts Payable
- FMS6 Healthcheck

February 2018

- Embedding Finance in your School Improvement Planning
- Budget Monitoring for Academies
- Introduction to School Finance
- FMS6 Closedown
- FMS6 Beginners Closedown

March 2018

- Strategic Financial Management in Difficult Times
- Budget Setting Workshop
- Budget Setting for Beginners
- Budget Setting for Academies
- FMS6 User Defined Reports

We can also provide bespoke training as and when you need it. Contact us on 03000 415 415 for further information

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)



New regulations regarding Data Protection are coming in 2018. If you want to find out more, there will be a presentation on the General Data Protection Regulations at the FIGs.

For further details, see the Finance Information Groups (FIGs) section overleaf.

HINTS & TIPS

- Any queries on the new National Funding Formula can be emailed to: schoolfunding@kent.gov.uk
- Working on a new 3 year plan already using the BPS. Appendix 6 of the Budget Monitoring Guidance can help you!
- Need to apply different paycales on the BPS. End the current Job Role and then start a new one from the day after...call the Help Desk if you need any assistance.

If you want to receive regular updates and be the first to know follow us on Twitter [@SFS_Kent](https://twitter.com/SFS_Kent)

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